

RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SANTA BARBARA PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF
REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR CITY MEASURES
SUBMITTED AT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Sections 9220 and 9285 of the Elections Code of the State of California authorizes the City Council, by majority vote, to adopt provisions to provide for the filing of rebuttal arguments for city measures submitted at municipal elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to Sections 9220 and 9285 of the Elections Code of the State of California, when the elections official has selected the arguments for and against the measure which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the elections official shall send a copy of an argument in favor of the measure to the authors of any argument against the measure and copy of an argument against the measure to the authors of any argument in favor of the measure immediately upon receiving the arguments. The author or a majority of the authors of an argument relating to a city measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument not exceeding 250 words or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument. A rebuttal argument may not be signed by more than five persons.

The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, with the printed names(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers, not more than 10 days after the final date for filing direct arguments. The rebuttal arguments shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement to be Filed by Authors(s) of Argument.

Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut.

SECTION 2. That all previous resolutions relating to the filing of rebuttal arguments for city measures are repealed.

SECTION 3. That the provisions of Section 1 shall apply at the next ensuing municipal election and at each municipal election after that time.